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SUBJECT: INCIDENT AT PRC MISSION MARCH 5, 1977

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1. WE HAVE NOW HEARD FROM PRC MISSION CONCERNING INCIDENT AT THE MISSION ON SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1977
2. ON MARCH 8, COUNSELOR CHOU NAN REQUESTED MEETING WITH MISOFF GLENNON TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENT. MEETING TOOK PLACE AT USMISSION 10:30 AM, MARCH 9. CHOU NAN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THIRD SECRETARY CHANG SUNG-CHI.
3. CHOU NAN, WHO SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, USED CHANG AS INTERPRETER, AND READ FROM NOTES (CHINESE) AN ACCOUNT OF THE INTRUSION INTO THEIR MISSION BY MARTIN JOSEPH GARVEY IN EARLY HOURS MORNING MARCH 5.
4. MISOFF EXPRESSED REGRETS OVER INCIDENT AND SAID WE DEPLORED ANY UNLAWFUL ACT AGAINST THEIR MISSION PARTICULARLY WHEN IT INVOLVED PHYSICAL FORCE. MISOFF THEN GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF DISPOSITION OF GARVEY CASE BY POLICE AND COURTS. IT

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WAS EXPLAINED THAT FROM WHAT CAN BE GATHERED, GARVEY IS NOT A POLITICAL PERSON, HE IS WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED A DRIFTER WHO RECENTLY ARRIVED IN NEW YORK FROM CALIFORNIA. IT WAS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT GARVEY HAD A PRIOR HISTORY OF PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT AND THAT HE WAS A WAR VETERAN. CHOU NAN WAS TOLD THAT POLICE KEPT GARVEY IN JAIL UNTIL HIS HEARING BEFORE A JUDGE ON MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 7, AT WHICH

TIME THE JUDGE ORDERED HIM TO
HARLEM HOSPITAL FOR PSYCHIATRIC OBSERVATION AND THAT IF,
AS EXPECTED, HE WAS FOUND TO BE MENTALLY UNSTABLE HE WOULD
PROBABLY BE REMANDED TO A VETERANS' HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT.
CHOU NAN SEEMED TO ACCEPT DISPOSITION OF THE CASE AS A
PROPER ONE.

5. CHOU NAN, CONTINUING TO USE CHANG AS INTERPRETER, SAID
HE WANTED TO REMIND MISOFF THAT PRC HELD US AUTHORITIES RES-
POSIBLE FOR PREVENTING HARASSMENT OF PRC PERSONNEL, AND
THAT HOST GOVERNMENT WAS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE PROPER AT-
MOSPHERE TO ENABLE PRC TO CARRY OUT ITS UN BUSINESS.
HE SAID HE WAS REQUESTING POSITIVE MEASURES FROM USG TO INSURE
SAFETY OF STAFF AND PROPERTY OF PRC MISSION.

6. MISOFF REPLIED THAT US MISSION AND USG WERE VERY CONSCIOUS
OF THEIR HOST COUNTRY RESPONSIBILITIES AND WERE ATTEMPTING
TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROTECT NOT ONLY PRC MISSION
BUT ALL UN MISSIONS. CHOU NAN WAS REMINDED THAT IN
JANUARY OF THIS YEAR AT REQUEST OF COUNSELOR HSING
THE 8:00 AM TO MIDNIGHT COVERAGE WAS MAINTAINED IN FACT
OF STRONG PRESSURE FROM NEW YORK CITY POLICE TO REDUCE IT
BECAUSE OF THE MANPOWER SHORTAGE AND FINANCIAL BURDENS OF
NEW YORK CITY. MISOFF STATED THAT USUN WOULD NONETHELESS
ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN 24-HOUR FIXED POST PROTECTION FOR PRC MISSION
AND WOULD INFORM CHOU NAN OF ANY PROGRESS.

7. CHOU NAN CONCLUDED CONVERSATION BY SAYING HE WOULD REPORT
TO HIS AMBASSADOR AND HIS GOVERNMENT.
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